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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION -- CHILE RESOLUTION

REFS: (A) GENEVA 2432, (B) SANTIAGO 1062, (C) STATE 22442

1. SANTIAGO 1062 WAS SENT THIS MORNING BEGORE WE RECEIVED REFTEL.
IN ANY CASE THIS EARLIER MESSAGE ESSENTIALLY RESPONDS TO THE
PROPOSAL THAT THE GOC INDICATE IN ADVANCE A WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
A WORKING GROUP MISSION HERE BY TWO MEMBERS, ONE OF WHICH TO
BE CHAIRMAN ALLANA.

2. AS DISCUSSED IN SANTIAGO 1062 A MISSION HERE INVOLVING ALLANA
IS SIMPLY A NON-STARTER UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. THE BASIC GUIDANCE FOR THIS SESSION OF THE HRC (STATE 22442)
APPEARS TO ESTABLISH THE GOALS OF ENHANCING THE COMMISSION'S
RECORD AND REPUTATION FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND FAIRNESS. THE IMPORANCE
OF CHILE'S SITUATION WOULD SEEM TO BE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
HRC'S EFFECTIVENESS BY OBTAINING THE GOC'S ACCEPTANCE OF AN
INVESTIGATORY MISSION HERE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HRC'S
FAIRNESS BY DEMONSTRATING THAT IT DOESN'S SIMPLY CRITICIZE
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THE UNHOLY TRINITY (CHILE, SOUTH AFRICA AND ISRAEL) BUT AT LEAST
ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS ELSEWHERE.

4. COMPARED TO THESE GOALS CHAIRMAN ALLANA'S EGO DOES NOT APPEAR
TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR. IF WE ARE FACED WITH THE CHOICE
BETWEEN ABANDONING ALLANA BY SUPPORTING A MISSION TO CHILE WHICH
DOES NOT INCLUDE HIM, OR STICKING WITH ALLANA IN THE CERTAINTY

THERE WILL BE NO MISSION TO CHILE, WE WOULD VOTE FOR ABANDONING ALLANA.

5. IN ANY CASE, IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THERE IS VALUE IN MAKING YET ANOTHER PITCH TO THE GOC ON AN INVESTIGATORY GROUP THAT INCLUDES ALLANA, THEN WE SUGGEST THAT THE AUSTRIANS CARRY THE MAIL. HOWEVER UNJUSTIFIABLY, THE USG IS SEEN AS THE PRINCIPAL CO-DRAFTER WITH CUBA OF THE 1977 UNGA RESOLUTION. BECAUSE OF OUR CURRENT LOW REPUTE HERE, OUR PRESENTATION OF THE MEZVINSKY PROPOSAL WOULD NOT ADD TO AND MIGHT DETRACT FROM ITS CHANCES OF APPROVAL.

6. THE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES GREAT, WOULD BE IMPROVED IF COUPLED WITH RECEPTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE HRC MEMBER COUNTRIES FOR CHILE'S INSISTENCE THAT RESOLUTION 1503 PROCEDURES BE APPLIED WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE WORKING GROUP ACTIVITIES

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WE NOTE (STATE 22442) THAT SUPPORT FOR THE 1503 PROCEDURES IS A MAJOR THRUST OF USDEL'S PLAN OF ACTION.
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